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Commander's Column

This month we close another successful Legion year and look forward to continued success under the leadership of our new Commander, John Cruz. My second year as commander was not without challenges but we finished on or ahead of budget, close to 100% membership retention, good morale, the grounds look good, Boy Scout troop is strong, the fire truck works again, and we are on track for more successful years ahead. We are where we are due to the good work of the membership and the officers and directors. I cannot thank everyone enough.

My plans are to remain active and to support the Commander of course. With David in the Scout troop, I look forward to being able to contribute a little more with their activities. I would really like to do something with American Legion Baseball but that is probably a longer term project. I may even volunteer to be a migrant laborer for the garden sometime but I don't think I will go near the bee hives.

I hope we have a good turn out for the officer installation on August 23 and for the annual Labor Day picnic a few weeks later. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The incoming officers are to be congratulated and supported.

I have enjoyed the last 6 years and appreciate the opportunity to step outside my comfort zone and serve the American Legion. My recommendation to all members, echoing Herb Morrison, is: do not turn down the nominating committee. If you have the chance to serve as a post officer, you should do so. Future Commanders should keep in mind none of us is smarter than the combined wisdom of the membership and seeking the input of others is as good a leadership strategy as giving orders. Being overbearing is usually rude and discourages participation. If

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Commander's Column....cont. from pg 1....

you discourage something you will get less of it. I have learned the number of problems that resolve themselves if you wait long enough is far greater than the number of problems solved by mucking around in them. Sometimes, the cure is worse than the disease. People usually manage their business pretty well when left alone.

See you around. Stay positive.

Todd Hanson

Commander



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Auxiliary News – August 2014

4th of July Parade 2014

The 4th of July Parade was wonderful! So many people came out to enjoy it. Our Miss Poppy, Julia Hanson, rode on the newly fixed fire truck along with some of our Auxiliary members. Good job Julia, you have been a great example for future Miss Poppies to follow. Our Post 80 fire truck is such a blessing, enabling more Legionnaires and Auxiliary members to participate. We marched with the VFW ladies auxiliary this year and it was another beautiful 4th of July.

Fisher House Visit — June 28th

On June 28th, Sue Busten, 11th District President and Unit 80 members - President Kim Cruz, Therese Schey, Pat Mustradi, Julie Isenberger, Joey Klingbiel, Rylla Gasaway and Therese Mosby visited Fisher House at Hines VA. They brought and served a nice summer meal to the veterans and their families who are staying there. We all enjoyed our visit with them and they were very appreciative of a nice cooked meal while they are away from home. Our Ladies had a blast together as we usually do. Thanks so much to Therese Schey, VA&R Chair for setting this up for all of us to participate.

Arden Court Visit — July 16th

Our fourth social for veterans and residents of Arden Courts in Glen Ellyn was held on Wednesday, July 16 at 1:30. The theme was a belated Independence Day to recognize the thirteen vets who are living at Arden Courts, which is a residence for those suffering from dementia related disorders. All vets were able to attend and told us what branch of service they served in and at what time. Two were from World War II, the rest from Korea and/or Vietnam.



Joining in were Auxiliary members: Beverly Parrott, Therese Schey and Gloria Parker.



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We enjoyed Therese Schey's harmonica and we all joined in singing Happy Birthday and other songs. Everyone enjoyed eating ice cream bars, reminiscent of Good Humor Days!! Linda had us all laughing with some great jokes. John Cruz, Rich Greenwald and Frank Mangone, in their parade uniforms, introduced themselves and met with each veteran.



This program began in the fall of 2013 as a joint effort of the Wellness Cabinet of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, American Legion, Post 80 and Auxiliary Unit 80. Our next social is planned for Wed September 17, at 1:30 PM., which happens to be "Citizenship Day". You are all welcome to join in the festivities and thank our veterans for their years of service.

American Legion Auxiliary — Department of Illinois — Convention 2014

The 2014 convention in Springfield, IL was a great success. President Kim Cruz and Vice President Jean Krupin attended as Unit 80 delegates well as Electa Chonko as 2nd Division Sgt-at-Arms.

Thanks to Post 80 Vegetable Gardeners

We would like to thank all the Legionnaires that care for the Post 80 vegetable garden and especially Ed Ludwig and Dick Rooney for all the nice produce we will receive this year.

Thanks to Cmdr. Todd Hanson

As our year draws to an end we would like to thank our commander Todd Hanson for all his hard work and co-operation with our Auxiliary family.

Thanks to Garden Club of Downers Grove

And last but not least a big shout to the Garden Club of Downers for the beautiful gardens they have been planting and maintaining for years. Great job ladies!

Upcoming Auxiliary Meetings and Events

Aug. 22-28	American Legion Auxiliary National Convention - Charlotte, NC
Sept 1	Post 80 — Labor Day Pot Luck Picnic
Sept 8	Next Regular Unit Meeting — 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Cruz



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JOINT OFFICERS INSTALLATION

Saturday, August 23rd

This year only the Legion Officers and Auxiliary Officers will be installed. The Joint Installation will be on Saturday, August 23rd. Social Hour will be at 5 PM; Dinner will be at 6 PM. After dinner we will commence Post installation of Officers.



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Post 80 Leads Parade at Rotary Fest!



Top L to R: Rich Greenwald, John Cruz, Nicole Dedick.

Bottom L to R: Mike Maschek, Lenny Lapinskas, Tim Sorensen, Jack Border

The Rotary Club had a short parade at Rotary Fest to honor all First Responders and Veterans. The Legion was asked to do the honors this year with our fire truck and the Legion Riders led by Mike Gilbert whose son was killed in Fallujah on Oct. 22, 2006.



John Cruz riding in the back of the Fire Engine with Mike Maschek's wife and daughters.



Nicole Dedick with Lenny Lapinskas and Jack Border.



SICK CALL



*The following Veteran is on sick call.
Let's keep him in our prayers.*

ROBERT PARROTT



American Legion School Awards Presented

School awards were presented by several Legionnaires during May and June to 32 students at 2 High Schools and 8 Middle Schools, which consisted of a framed American Legion School Award Certificate, the distinguished American Legion Bronze Medallion and a monetary amount. The students were selected by the faculty of their respective schools for possessing the highest qualities of Courage, Honor, Leadership, Scholarship, Patriotism and service, qualities the Legion feels are necessary to the preservation of the fundamental institutions of our government and the advancement of our society.

Dick Rooney on behalf of Post 80 primarily presented the awards. Rich Greenwald and Ed Ludwig assisted Dick when there were scheduling conflicts.



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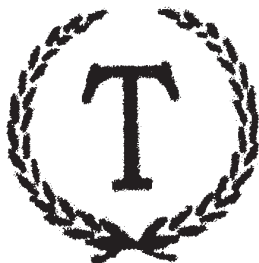
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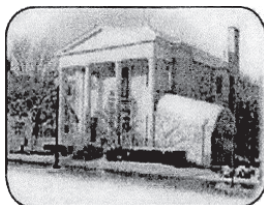
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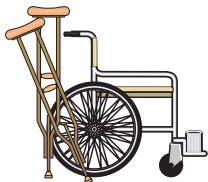
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3 New Eagle Scouts

Three (3) Boy Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 80, sponsored by Post 80, were recently promoted in June and early July to the highest rank in Boy Scouts, that of Eagle Scout. As part of attaining the promotion, each was required to perform a service project that successfully demonstrated the leadership skills they learned as younger scouts; each chose to perform a project benefitting the Post.

Adam Gesior's project consisted of expanding the native prairie and installing a bench (generously donated by Jim Sotirakos) for visitors to rest and enjoy the beauty of the native plants.

Alex Kaufmann's project consisted of designing and installing a French drain around the south and east sides of the building to alleviate the water problems being experienced in the basement. Alex's project followed that of Zach Busch, who was awarded the Eagle Scout rank last October; Zach's project was the design and planting of the front and side flower beds.

Connor Ruf's project consisted of designing and constructing a wood rack near the outdoor fire pit to help store firewood in an orderly manner. Connor's project complements that of his brother Austin, who designed and constructed the outdoor fire pit (and installed permanent bench seating) as his Eagle Scout project. Austin was awarded the Eagle Scout rank in February 2010.

Boy Scout Troop 80 was chartered in November 1936, and has been continuously sponsored by Post 80. Proudly, 114 youth have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout since the initial charter, with Connor and Austin being the 14th pair of brothers having that distinction.



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American Legion Riders



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American Legion Riders — Chapter 80 — August 2014 Update

COME JOIN US FOR THE FUN, SERVICE TO VETERANS AND THE RIDES!!

Legion Riders — Chapter 80 usually meets monthly on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am in the Post 80 Library.

However, to maximize available “summer riding time,” Legion Rider meeting for August will be posted on the Post 80 website.

Legion Rider membership requires membership or affiliation with the American Legion and ownership of a 350cc or larger motorcycle. Annual dues are \$20.00. Please check with Director, John Pavich, (630 541 5710), or Norma Border, Secretary (630-336-3422) to confirm meeting locations for any given month.

Upcoming Rides and Events

7/31-8/3	Legion Rider Romp — Collinsville IL
8/17-21	Legacy Scholarship Run — Indianapolis to Charlottesville NC
8/20	Legion Rider — Chapter 80 — Regular meeting @ Post 80

Check the Post 80 Newsletter and website at
post80.org/legion-riders for updates
to the Legion Rider meeting and event schedule.

John Pavich
Director ALR



...ahhhh...Summer....

Just a thought....

A couple of years ago one of our fellow Legion Members passed away and instead of flowers his wife requested that monetary donations be made to our Gifts For Yanks Fund in his name. Because of this we received over \$1000.00 to be used to help our fellow Veterans. Maybe we should all think about requesting this of our families when we go. It's a great way to continue helping our fellow Veterans even when we're gone.

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Environmental Conservation Award Increased (*Again*)

Several years ago, Legionnaires Dick Rooney, John Super and Ed Ludwig conceived a vision of creating a monetary award to promote conservation awareness by our youth. The result was establishing a system to fairly identify deserving individuals and a method to continue the funding of the monetary award.

This was achieved by initially establishing a colony of bees within the American Legion grounds, harvesting the honey and selling it locally, with the net proceeds being awarded to a deserving individual.

The criteria to receive the Conservation Award was established to be based on applicants to submit an essay based on what they have done to promote conservation, what they are currently doing to promote conservation, and what they intend to do in the future to promote conservation. The essays are submitted to the school, which then replaces the individual's name with a number, before being presented to the American Legion beekeepers for judgment of the criteria.

The number of beehive colonies has been increased from 1 to 3 over the past few years, allowing for production of honey to be 240 pounds the past year, which has resulted in being able to provide two (2) individual \$500 awards for the past 2 years. Even though all 3 hives were lost this past winter, new hives were established this spring and all appear to be actively producing honey. Based on their present activity, an estimated three (3) \$500 awards will be able to be presented in the spring of 2015.

This year's production will be available for purchase at \$10 per 1# jar when the bees decide it's ready (usually late August or September); the price remains \$10, even though comparable local farmers' market prices are as much as \$12. Sales are made on a reserved basis from a list maintained by Dick Rooney; please contact Dick at one of our Business Meetings or on Tuesdays after 6:30pm (after Bingo Pull Tab sales). We have sold out early every year and do not have "extras", so be sure to contact Dick early if you are interested.





A Visit with Vets at the DuPage County Nursing Home



On June 19^m, our Post hosted a luncheon for some of the Veterans from the DuPage County Nursing Home. They all enjoyed themselves and we all had a lot of fun and laughs while they were here.

I'd like to thank all of the Legion and Auxiliary Members who came and helped out, and a special thanks to Carmen Gnolfo for catering the event. The food was delicious and as usual there was plenty of it.

Richard Jones, Service Officer



THOUGHTS*FOR*THE*MONTH:

I'm a Senior Citizen



- ⇒ *I'm the life of the party--even when it lasts until 8 p.m!*
- ⇒ *I'm the first one to find a bathroom wherever I go!*
- ⇒ *I'm supporting all movements now... by eating raisins, prunes. & bran!*
- ⇒ *I'm fine on a trip for at least an hour without my aspirin, antacid, or glass of water!*
- ⇒ *I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a word you are saying!.*
- ⇒ *I'm in the initial stage of the golden years..... SS, SD's IRA's. AARP.*
- ⇒ *I am a walking storeroom of facts....Only I've lost the storeroom.*
- ⇒ *I'm grouchy. I just don't like traffic, waiting, crowds, children, politicians, unfriendly Legionnaires!*
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1962....Margaret Edwards
1963....Alice Pechinski
1964....Alice Pechinski
1965....Anne Creel
1966....Evelyn Jenkins
1967....Dorothy Nied
1968....Eleanor Bartels
1969....Alice Pechinski
1970....Helen Beck
1971....Jeanette Foster
1972....Dorothy Kadlec
1973....Margaret Morello
1974....Ann Hodous
1975....Ann Hodous
1976....Eleanor Bartels
1977....Alice Pechinski
1978....Mildred Mueller
1979....Catherine Smalley
1980....Frances North
1981....Anne Creel
1982....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1983....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek

1984....Anne Creel
1985....Genevieve Kotowski
1986....Genevieve Kotowski
1987....Ethel Clark
1988....Bonita Wisbrock
1989....Eleanor Bartels
1990....Bonita Wisbrock
1991....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1992....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1993....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1994....Midge Zielinski
1995....Boneta Wisbrock
1996....Leora Novak
1997....Leora Novak
1998....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1999....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
2000....Lorraine Vimtrup
2001....Leora Novak
2002....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
2003....Midge Zielinski
2004....Bonnie Wisbrock
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2009....Rosemary Collins
2010....Rosemary Collins
2011....Karen Greenwald
2012....Karen Greenwald
2013....Rosemary Collins



Bingo Workers

- 8/5 Kitchen: Therese S., Joey K., & Sharon T.
Tickets: Leora N., Pam H.
- 8/12 Kitchen: Karen G., Dolores S., & Gloria P.
Tickets: Radika J., Pam Q.
- 8/19 Kitchen: Kim C., Julie I., & Charlotte U.
Tickets: Eleanor R., Lorraine D.
- 8/26 Kitchen: Arlene G., Marge P., & Nancy C.
Tickets: Pat M., Jane B.

*There is no August Unit Meeting
Next Unit 80 Meeting is Sept 9th.*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1>August 2014</h1> <p>Flower: Poppy Birthstone: Peridot Children's Eye Health & Safety Month</p>					1	2 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
3	4	5 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	6 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	7	8	9 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
10	11	12 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	13	14	15	16 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
17	18	19 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	20 Legion Riders 7:00 pm	21	22	23 CDC 8:30 am Joint Officers Installation 5 pm
24	25	26 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	27 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm	28	29	30 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
31	<p align="center">ELIGIBILITY DATES</p> <p>WORLD WAR I APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918 • VIETNAM FEBRUARY 28, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975 WORLD WAR II DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946 • KOREAN WAR JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955 • GRANADA & LEBANON AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984 • OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990 • PERSIAN GULF AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities</p>					